

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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CIVILIAN FLIGHTS FROM DEFENCE AIR BASE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to allow defence air bases for operating civilian flights to facilitate greater air connectivity in the country;
- (b) if so, whether it would pose any problem to the security of the country;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the number of defence air bases to be allowed for civilian flights?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) Scheduled and non-scheduled civil air operations are already being undertaken from Defence airfields.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Request from civil operators are considered on a case to case basis.